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Transmitted with this document are a Supplemental Communication and a Declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.132 in the above-identified application.

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Entry of this Supplemental Communication is respectfully requested.

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REMARKS

Submitted herewith is a Declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.132, which presents evidence that Michlmayr does not teach or suggest the dehydrated adsorbent as defined in Applicants' claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-21, and 23-42. The evidence set forth in the Declaration shows that the non-dehydrated sorbent of Michlmayr has an adsorption capacity orders of magnitude less than that of the dehydrated sorbents as defined in Applicants' pending claims.

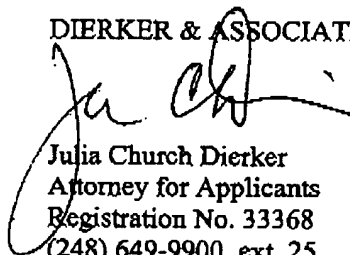
As such, it is submitted that Applicants' invention as defined in claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-21, and 23-42 is not anticipated, taught or rendered obvious by Michlmayr, either alone or in combination, and patentably defines over the art of record.

In summary, claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-21, and 23-42 remain in the application. It is submitted that, through this Supplemental Communication, Applicants' invention as set forth in these claims is now in a condition suitable for allowance.

Further and favorable consideration is requested. If the Examiner believes it would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, he is cordially invited to contact Applicants' Attorney at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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